Pak jails and if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Pakistanis in Indian jails and how many of them have already outlived their terms; and

(d) the steps taken or being taken for ending their incarceration?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) According to available information, as on 1 September 2003, 74 Indian fishermen, 899 civilians and 54 missing defence personnel were believed to be in Pakistan's custody.

(b) From time to time, the returning Indian prisoners have informed that the Indians under Pakistani custody are living in difficult conditions and some of them have lost their mental balance.

(c) and (d) During the year 2003, 114 Pakistani have been released till date. It has been decided to grant consular access to 77 more Pakistani nationals on December 1.1.2003.

Prince Charles's visit to India

†1031. SHRI KHAN GHUFRAN ZAHIDI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Prince Charles's visit to India;

(b) whether any political or trade agreements have been entered into between both the countries during the visit; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Prince Charles, Prince of Wales, visited India at the invitation of Vice-President from 28th October—5th November 2003. The Prince called on Rashtrapatiji and met Prime Minister. Vice-President hosted a banquet in honour of the Prince. The Prince of Wales also visited Haryana, Rajasthan and Mumbai.

(b) and (c) No agreements were signed during the visit.

Agreements with South Africa

†1032. SHRI UDAY PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the details of the different agreements signed between India and South Africa during the recent visit of the South African President to India;

(b) whether any deliberations to enhance economic co-operation between the two countries have also taken place; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Following bilateral agreements were signed during the visit of the President of South Africa to India;

1. Extradition Treaty.
2. Agreement on Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters.
3. Agreement on Cooperation in the field of Power.
4. Agreement on cooperation in the field of Hydrocarbons.

(b) Yes.

(c) It was agreed to strengthen cooperation between the private sectors of the two countries. Also a Framework Preferential Trade Agreement between Indian and Southern African Customs Union (SACU) of which South Africa is a prominent member, is in an advanced stage of finalization.

Omission of India's name from list of victims of terrorism

1033. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:
DR. AKHILESH DAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken note of the fact that the U.S. President in his address to the recent U.N. General Assembly Session (2003) omitted India's name while recounting the names of the countries which were victims of terrorism, such as Jakarta, Bali, Casablanca and Riyadh;

(b) what steps have since been taken to bring home to the U.S. and other U.N. members the conspicuous omission made by U.S. President; and

(c) the U.S. response thereto?